

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] Electrode water flows through an anolyte compartment 17' and a catholyte compartment 18'. The water flowing out of the concentrating compartments 15' (concentrated water) and having high ion concentration is used as the electrode water in order to ensure the electric conductivity.

Please replace the paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] When the concentrated water is circulated in the concentrating compartment the inside of which is not divided, the concentration of silica and boron should be higher near the outlets for product water. When concentrated water is circulated in a concentrating compartment the inside of which is divided as shown in Figs. 3a, 3b, the concentration at the side near the ~~outlet~~ inlet for ~~the concentrating compartment~~ raw water is higher than that at the side near the outlet for ~~the concentrating compartment~~ product water so that the quality of product water is substantially equal to the quality of product water obtained in the single-pass counter-flow arrangement of Fig. 1.